

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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GROWTH IN FOREIGN TRADE H .SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN

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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the countries with whom the foreign trade has registered an increase during the last financial year;
- (b) the percentage increase in this regard; (
- (c) whether the Government have taken any steps to enhance the foreign trade and to increase our trade with other countries during the current financial year; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

( SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH )

(a)&(b) : As per the DGCI&S provisional data for the year 1999-2000 the major trading countries with whom our export registered an increase over 1998-99, are Belgium(7.23%), France(10.83%), Ireland(19.44%), Italy(10.32%), Luxembourg(56.06%), Netherlands(16.1%), Portugal(21.0%), Spain(12.02), U.K.(21.09%), Switzerland(17.93%), Rest of Europe(20.73%), Nepal(25.14%), Sri Lanka(15.94%), Australia(4.19%), China(28.25%), Hong Kong(35.68%), Indonesia(76.19%), Japan(3.09%), Korea(39.27%), Malaysia(35.22%), Singapore(33.57%), Thailand(42.28%), UAE(15.03%), Israel(42.41%), Nigeria(22.11%), Canada(25.77%), USA(18.53%), Brazil(3.07%), CIS countries(31.97%).

Similarly import growth during 1999-2000 been has noticed in Belgium(20.79%), Denmark(23.13%), France(2.43%), Greece(160.55%), Ireland(46.95%), Luxembourg(113.29%), Portugal(6.32%), U.K.(4.06%), Sweden(50.92%), Rest of Europe(1.99%), Bangladesh(28.91%), Sri Lanka(18.01%), China(17.81%), Hong Kong(81.57%), Indonesia(19.51%), Malaysia(27.71%), Singapore(8.86%), Thailand(17.52%), Saudi Arabia(24.10), UAE(24.26%), Israel(59.94%), Egypt(38.52), Nigeria(148.87%), South Africa(37.90%), Brazil(66.08%), CIS countries(13.72%).

Detailed list of countries and India's trade with them etc., is available in the DGCI&S publication titled 'Foreign Trade Statistics of India, March, 2000'. A copy of this publication is available in Parliament Library.

(c)&(d) : A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.

Exports have registered a growth of 22.04% in April-September, 2000.